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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Status of Project [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND

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2. During the last year, the rise in priority for mapping in [REDACTED] has prompted the Department of the Army to take steps to increase its monetary contribution to obtain better geodetic control, additional photography, and more accurate map compilation. These plans break down as follows:

FY 1958

a. Utilization of about \$350,000 left over from the original contract (because of the 82,000 square mile decrease in area) for filling in and thus obtaining complete photographic coverage at 1:60,000 of the NE quadrant of the project area.** This has been recommended by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration (UNTTAA) advisor on mapping [REDACTED] who had criticized the poor quality of the 1:130,000 photography flown by the contractor.

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* See Map #1, attached.

** See Map #2, attached.

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b. An additional \$200,000 has been obligated by the Army for use as follows: (1) \$105,000 for completion of coverage at 1:60,000 of areas south and west of the NE quadrant referred to above; and (2) \$95,000 for initiation of field work to obtain vertical control.

FY 1959

a. Establishment of a Shoran (airborne electronic control device) net for the entire country, which will tie into existing Shoran [REDACTED] - \$501,000.

b. Compilation from 1:60,000 photography of the NE quadrant previously cited (the original contract called for map compilation from the 1:130,000 photography) -- \$240,000.

c. Compilation from 1:60,000 photography obtained under FY 1958 b(1), above -- \$73,000.

d. Production of 1:50,000 mosaics at the request of the GOA -- \$36,000.

e. Completion of vertical control initiated under FY 1958 b(2), above -- \$100,000.

Total FY 1959 -- \$950,000

3. As a result of recent meetings between the contractor [REDACTED] Army) and [REDACTED] a hope has been expressed that an opportunity may exist for extending the project north of the demarcation line. It has been reported that the Soviets will perform topographic mapping over 43,000 square kilometers as part of an oil-exploration agreement. [REDACTED]

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4. With regard to the potential for extending the present area of the contract, the following pertinent factors should be noted:

a. It would be to the benefit of the [REDACTED] obtain complete photographic and mapping coverage of the country.

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b. It would also benefit [REDACTED] to insure the coincidence of the mapping being done under these separate programs. If this is not done, there will be a strip of un-matched sheets in the north.

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d. The Army Map Service would undoubtedly readjust their program to accomplish all work permissible in the border prohibited area.

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f. Copies of all photography and mapping accomplished in [REDACTED] during this program will be turned over to the GSA.

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5. With regard to Army funding for the proposed FY 1959 project, the following factors should be noted:

a. The Army Map Service budget is not settled as yet. In the optimum case, present planning entails the expenditure of the total \$950,000 outlined under Paragraph 2, above. Even with a budget cut, there is a possibility that this objective may be met by adjustment elsewhere in the AMS budget. At the least, present planning is based on a minimum expenditure of \$500,000 for FY 1959.

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b. The unofficial Army position with regard [REDACTED]
is to maintain mapping operations in the area over a period of
several years until all [REDACTED] requirements
are met.

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6. The intelligence interests of this Agency in subject project were
made known to both ICA and the Department of the Army by [REDACTED]
-- Chief, Map Library Division, OMP -- during the planning of the original
project. CIA interest was not sufficient at that time to undertake
financial support of the project. These requirements have not changed.

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CONCLUSIONS

1. [REDACTED] should be advised that CIA interests
have been, and will continue to be, adequately covered by Department of
the Army actions in this case. Fiscal and operational planning with regard
to the project, and its projected extension, is taking place. We are sure
that the Army will communicate to the company at the soonest possible date
all appropriate decisions.

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1. Map #1.
2. Map #2.

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